

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 6-12 as follows:

6. (currently amended) Female connectors and genderless rods for use with a genderless construction system wherein each ~~said~~ female connector is comprised of a substantially round disc shaped plastic member having two holes formed therein and wherein each genderless rod includes two substantially identical spaced apart fingers; said female connector being adapted to mate with said a two-fingered genderless ~~connector~~ rod by means of an interference fit when the fingers are inserted into the holes, at least one of said holes being substantially triangularly shaped and including three internal angular corners, one of said corners of said at least one hole being closer to the other of said two holes than the other two of said three corners.

7. (currently amended) The female connectors and genderless rods as claimed in claim 6 wherein said holes are distinct from each other and a web of material is included separating said holes from each other.

8. (currently amended) The female connectors and genderless rods as claimed in claim 6 wherein said holes are inter- connected to each other by a narrow passage extending between said holes.

9. (currently amended) The female connectors and genderless rods as claimed in claim 6 wherein each of said holes is substantially triangularly shaped and includes three internal angular corners therein.

10. (currently amended) The female connectors and genderless rods as claimed in claim 9 wherein one of the angular corners of each of said holes are in alignment with each other.

11. (currently amended) The female connectors and genderless rods as claimed in claim 10 wherein said holes are distinct from each other and a web of material is included separating said holes from each other.

12. (currently amended) The female connectors and genderless rods as claimed in claim 10 wherein said holes are inter- connected to each other by a narrow passage extending between said holes.

Please add new Claims 13 and 14 as follows:

13. (new) Female connectors for use with a genderless construction system wherein each female connector is comprised of a substantially round disc shaped plastic member having two holes formed therein and adapted to mate with a two-fingered genderless connector by means of an interference fit when the fingers are inserted into the holes, at least one of said holes being substantially triangularly shaped and including three internal angular corners, one of said corners of said at least one hole being closer to the other of said two holes than the other two of said three corners, and said holes being inter-connected to each other by a narrow passage extending between said holes.

14. (new) Female connectors for use with a genderless construction system wherein each female connector is comprised of a substantially round disc shaped plastic member having two holes formed therein and adapted to mate with a two-fingered genderless connector by means of an interference fit when the fingers are inserted into the holes, each of said holes

being substantially triangularly shaped and including three internal angular corners therein, one of said corners of said at least one hole being closer to the other of said two holes than the other two of said three corners, one of the angular corners of each of said holes being in alignment with each other, and said holes being inter-connected to each other by a narrow passage extending between said holes.